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ISOLATED HOLLOW ORGANS AND BIOLOGICAL VESSELS

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2009 be extended for three months, from February 5, 2009 to on or before May 5, 2009. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the large entity fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) of \$1,110.00 to the undersigned's Credit Account. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any other fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application and to credit any overpayments to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2101

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